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Volunteer Core Leader Application

Introduction

Thank you for your interest in California State Parks Foundation's volunteer program! Since 2010, our year-round volunteer program has provided meaningful volunteer opportunities for Californians to help their state parks. Currently, we plan more than 100 volunteer workdays a year across California. Most of these projects are led by Volunteer Core Leader teams.

Requirements

You must have participated in at least three California State Parks Foundation volunteer workdays to qualify for core leadership training. If your application is approved, you are also required to attend training and shadow experienced Volunteer Core Leaders before independently planning and leading workdays. After completing the application process, your acceptance as a Volunteer Core Leader is conditional upon a background check paid for by California State Parks Foundation.

Volunteer Core Leader Overview

Our program is volunteer led and volunteer managed. This volunteer dedication enables the program to expand its reach and support more parks across the state. The goal for all our active park sites is to engage Volunteer Core Leader teams who develop a rapport with park staff, get to know the unique culture and needs of that park, and plan and lead volunteer workdays together with support and input from California State Parks Foundation's program staff.

Becoming a Volunteer Core Leader is a great fit for you if:
- You are passionate about state parks and want to play a deeper role in getting good work done.
- You are a flexible team player and are comfortable working with people of all backgrounds.
- You are interested in being part of a community of people that care deeply about state parks.
- You are available to volunteer approximately once per month.

While not a requirement, we are also looking for Volunteer Core Leaders who:
- Speak multiple languages.
- Have deep ties in their local community.
- Have strong knowledge of California native plants, habitat restoration, trail work, and/or general park maintenance.

Volunteer Core Leader Application Questions

Name:

Address:

Phone number(s):

E-mail:

Parks or regions where you would like to lead workdays:

Days of the week you would be available to lead events (most workdays are on weekends):

Once I have received the needed training, I am committed to the following Volunteer Core Leader roles:

___ Event planning (coordinating with the program and park staff to complete a work plan with detailed event logistics)

___ Registration (arrive early, help to ensure everyone has signs and waiver and their information is on the roster)

___ Public speaking (at morning orientation, sharing announcements about the program, thanking volunteers and park staff)

___ Food purchase/coordination: (work within budget to purchase food for event, submit receipts and reimbursement form to get reimbursed after event)

___ Supply purchase: (work within budget to purchase supplies for event, submit receipts and reimbursement form to get reimbursed after event)

___ Photography: taking photos at workdays and uploading them to our Flickr site

___ Workday follow-up: submitting waivers, roster, completing the post-workday event report

___ Event promotion (using our flyer template to outreach in the local community)

Please describe why you would like to become a Volunteer Core Leader.
(Maximum of 500 words, please.)

References: If you remember their names, please list the Volunteer Core Leaders or staff members that you have met at workdays you have attended.

Criminal Record
If you have a record of convictions for offenses other than minor traffic citations, please give details in the chart below. Also, list any arrests for which you are currently out on bail or out on your recognizance, pending trial. If the answer is "NONE", write it across the first line and sign your name at the end of the application.

CONVICTIONS/ARRESTS PENDING TRIAL:

Date, City & State of Arrest	Charge or reason given by police for arrest	Date and location of trial	Explanation (optional)

I certify that the information I provided on this application form is true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature   _____

Date   _____